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Rural District of Shepton Mallet



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OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Including the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1971

SHEPTON MALLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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31st December 1971

Highfield House,
Park Road,
Shepton Mallet,
Somerset.

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SHEPTON MALLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS - 1971

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Public Health and Housing Administration, Meat and Food Inspection, Control of Refuse Collection and Disposal, Salvage, Council House Administration (Letting, Control of Tenancies and Maintenance), and Rodent Control.

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10th November 1972.

To : The Chairman and Councillors of Shepton Mallet Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Annual Report on the Health of this Rural District Council prepared in accordance with Circular 1/72 of the Department of Health and Social Security.

It will be seen from the vital statistics that the live birth rate was less than the national figure, but so was the general mortality rate; still-birth and infant mortality rates were higher. The causes of death remained in much the same order, and the number of cases of notifiable disease reported was the lowest for 5 years.

As in 1970, much of the time of the public health staff was taken up by another "pop" festival, lasting a week at Pilton, and in spite of numerous visits by R.D.C. and County staff to the site, the final state of the hygiene facilities for the fans provided by the promoters could only be described as primitive and pathetic.

Another significant event during the year was the implementation of the Local Authority Social Services Act, establishing a Social Services Department at County Hall, Taunton and from October 1971 the area of this Council was served mainly by the Divisional Office at Tothill House, Street and partly, in respect of the northern tip, by the Area Social Services Office at Midsomer Norton. These offices became responsible for a wide range of services previously handled by specialist sections dealing with the needs of children, the physically and mentally ill or handicapped and the elderly, including Home Help Services.

My thanks are due to the Senior Public Health Inspector for his detailed report and for his ready co-operation and that of his assistants at all times.

May I express my gratitude also to the Clerk, Surveyor, Council Members and professional colleagues for their courtesy and support.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

D.E.CLARE.

Medical Officer of Health.



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GENERAL

STATISTICS

Area of Rural District (in acres)	47,167
Estimated Population (mid-year 1971)	10,770
Number of inhabited houses	3,700
Rateable Value (at ~~£1.12.7~~)	~~£346.53~~ £345,970
Product of a decimal penny rate (71/72 Estimated) ..	£3,194

MAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1971

(with comparative figures for Somerset and England & Wales where available)

BIRTHS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Shepton Mallet R.D.C.</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England & Wales</u> (Provisional)
				<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		
Legitimate	78	65	143				
Illegitimate	6	4	10				
Totals	<u>84</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>153</u>			9,079	783,165
Rate per 1,000 population				14.2	15.5	16.5	16.0
(Area Births Comparability Factor 1.09)						(Corrected)	
Ratio of local corrected rate to national rate					.97		

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) 7.0 6.0 8.0

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	3	2	5	112	8,826
Illegitimate	Nil			<u>9</u>	<u>1,072</u>
Totals	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	121	9,898
Rate per 1,000 live and still births			32.0	13.0	12.0

TOTAL LIVE & STILL BIRTHS

87 71 158 9,200 793,063

DEATHSTOTAL DEATHS

(all ages)	67	58	125	7,575	567,345
Rate per 1,000 population				11.6	10.7
(Area Deaths Comparability Factor .92)				10.5	11.6
Ratio of local corrected rate to national rate			.92	(Corrected)	

INFANT DEATHS

(under 1 year)

Legitimate	2	-	2	124	12,140
Illegitimate	2	1	3	<u>16</u>	<u>1,586</u>
Totals	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	140	13,726

Shepton Mallet R.D.C.				Somerset	England & Wales (Provisional)
		<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected.</u>		
<u>INFANT DEATHS</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Total</u>		
(under 4 weeks)					
Legitimate	1	-	1	79	8,121
Illegitimate	2	1	3	10	992
Totals	3	1	4	89	9,113
(under 1 week)					
Legitimate	1	-	1	66	6,903
Illegitimate	2	1	3	7	847
	3	1	4	73	7,750
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>					
Total Infant deaths per 1,000					
Total live births ...			33.0	15.0	18.0
Legitimate Infant deaths per					
1,000 Legitimate live births			14.0	14.5	17.0
Illegitimate Infant deaths per					
1,000 illegitimate live births			300.0	20.0	24.0
<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES</u>					
(~~deaths~~ under 4 weeks per					
1,000 total live births)			26.0	10.0	12.0
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>					
(deaths under 1 week per					
1,000 total live births)			26.0	8.0	10.0
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>					
(Still births & deaths under 1 week					
combined per 1,000 live & still					
births) ...			57.0	21.0	22.0
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)</u>					
Number of deaths			Nil	1	
Rate per 1,000 total live and					
still births ...			Nil	.11	

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1971
(as given by the Registrar-General).

Cause	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks.	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in years									
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & +	
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Leukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	
Other Diseases of Blood, etc.	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Other Diseases of Nervous System	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Hypertensive Disease	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	5	6	
	F	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	4	
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	

Cause	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks.	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & +
Pneumonia	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Asthma	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary Systems	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms & Ill- Defined Conditions	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
All Other Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Suicide & Self- Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total all causes	M	67	3	1	1	1	-	1	-	4	14	18	24
	F	58	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	17	32

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1971

(the figures in general are too small for much importance to be attached to them, but certain broad statements can be made).

Population The mid-year population for the R.D. according to the Registrar-General's 1971 Census shows a rise of 20 in the population since 1970, and live births exceeded deaths by 28.

Births Live Births - fell by 17 compared with 1970 with a resultant lowering of the birth rate to a figure less than County and National averages. Illegitimate births rose by 2 but the percentage of these was less than the National figure, although higher than that for the County. Still Births - rose to 5, giving a Still Birth Rate higher than the County and National rates.

Deaths All Ages - showed a small rise of 2 over the previous year. When adjusted by the Area Deaths Comparability Factor, the death rate continues to be lower than the rate for England & Wales and fractionally higher than the County figure. Infants - deaths rose by 2 to 5 this year giving comparable increases in the various mortality rates to figures higher than County and National rates. Maternal Mortality - it is a pleasure to record that this was again nil.

Causes of Death Heart, Cerebrovascular and Other Diseases of the Circulatory System Deaths fell by 4 compared with the previous year to a total of 58. Of these heart diseases accounted for 38 and cerebrovascular diseases for 13 deaths. Cancer - deaths from this showed a significant increase of 10 compared with 1970, but as regards site, cancer of the intestine took leading place with 6 deaths followed by lung with 5 and breast with 4. Respiratory Diseases - deaths from these fell slightly to 13, bronchitis and emphysema causing 7 deaths and pneumonia 5, predominantly in males. Accidents - deaths totalled 5, as in the previous year and 3 of these involved a motor vehicle.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

(please see Five-Year Table)

Apart from 3 cases of Infective Jaundice in 2 related families in a village in the south of the District, there is little on which to report. All 3 cases occurred in adults and following the successful administration of gammaglobulin to the contacts there was no further spread.

FOOD POISONING AND HUMAN SALMONELLA INFECTIONS

Salmonella enteritidis occurred as a chance finding in a child admitted to Hospital for investigation of another illness and no further cases were reported.

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959. (Sec.20)

Brucellosis was again reported in a dairy herd in the south of the District and, though the bulk milk continued to be sent for pasteurisation, a formal Heat Treatment Notice was served on the herd on 10th May 1971.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Sec.47) and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

No case requiring action under the provisions of the above Acts occurred during 1971.

CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 1967 - 1971
WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR SOMERSET AND ENGLAND AND WALES

	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
1. <u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	18.0	18.0	15.6	17.2	15.5
Somerset	17.7	16.9	16.8	15.1	16.5
England & Wales	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0
2. <u>Corrected Death Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	9.0	9.9	10.1	10.5	10.7
Somerset	10.1	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.5
England & Wales	11.2	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6
3. <u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.	Nil	23.0	Nil	18.0	33.0
Somerset	14.0	15.6	16.0	17.0	16.0
England & Wales	18.3	18.0	18.0	18.0	18.0

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (5 Year Period 1967 - 1971)

Disease	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	30	2	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	2	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	2	-	3
Measles	203	48	57	46	10
Opthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	4	1	3	1
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	2	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis (Non-Respiratory)	1	-	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	5	-	9	15	3
	219	53	100	68	17

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(A) WATER SUPPLIES

1. Public Main Supplies No information is available from the Bristol Waterworks Company.

Natural Fluoride content of the Public Water Supplies (these figures were supplied by the Bristol Waterworks Company in 1965) :-

Stoke Bottom	...	...	...	0.06 (average Fluoride p.p.m. as F).
West Bradley	...	...	...	0.45
Three Ashes	...	...	...	0.20
Farncombe	...	...	...	0.16
Evercreech	...	...	...	0.10
Milton Clevedon...	...	...	...	0.15
Lydford (ex Wessex Water Board)				0.22
Gurney Slade	...	...	...	0.05

2. Individual Private Supplies

184 houses in the District (5%) are supplied with water from individual wells or springs. 173 of these houses have the water laid on internally, and 11 rely on an external well or spring. In most cases these houses with individual private supplies are in out-lying areas where the main supplies are not available. Samples were taken from some of these private supplies, sampling being mainly concentrated on houses with an external well or spring.

These samples gave the following results :-

Number taken	...	...	14
Satisfactory	...	...	7
Unsatisfactory...	...	...	7

3. Sources of Supply to houses in the District

Table A on page 20 shows the nature of the supply to houses in each Parish. Of 3,700 houses in the District, 3,481 (94%) have a piped supply of water, either from a public main or a private main. 173 (5%) have a spring or well water laid on internally, and 11 (.3%) of the houses have to rely on an outside well or spring. The majority of these 11 houses are unfit, and will be dealt with under Slum Clearance procedure. 35 houses are still supplied by standpipe or an outside tap.

Table B on page 21 (Sanitary Facilities of Houses) shows that 3,410 houses in the District (92%) obtain their water supply direct from the public mains and 71 (2%) from private mains.

(B) SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

1. Sewerage Schemes

(a) Evercreech and Stoney Stratton The work of laying certain new foul sewers and surface water sewers in Evercreech village (Stage I) were subject to certain delays and the Contract was not completed at the end of the year. Works commenced on Stage II (sewering of Stoney Stratton) at the end of the year.

(b) Lydford - East and West The original estimate for the scheme (prepared in 1967) was £85,000 but at the end of the year a figure of £150,000 was considered to be more appropriate. The financing of this scheme presented major difficulties which had not been resolved at the end of the year but Tenders were authorised.

(c) Parbrook (East Pennard and West Bradley Parishes) Agreement was reached with Wells R.D.C. for the reception and treatment of sewage at one of their nearby works when the hamlet is sewered. Last years estimate for this scheme was £55,585.

(d) Batcombe The Consulting Engineers produced an estimate of £145,000 for this scheme but at the end of the year were still dealing with the question of treatment of the sewage. It is presumed that this will be conveyed to the Evercreech Sewage Disposal Works and that these will need some extension.

(e) Binegar The Council's Consulting Engineers presented an outline scheme which would allow for an extension of the Gurney Slade Sewage Works. The scheme, estimated to cost £69,500 was agreed in principle.

2. Drainage of Existing Houses

Table B on Page 21 shows the number of houses in the District drained to a public sewer at the end of 1970 as 1,990 (53%). 1,407 (38%) are drained to cesspits or septic tanks and 303 houses (8%) have no drainage or have unsatisfactory drainage.

(C) CLOSETS AND OTHER SANITARY FACILITIES

Table B on Page 21 shows that 3,400 houses (91%) have a water closet. 4 houses (.1%) have shared closets, 280 houses (7%) have a pail or chemical closet, and 16 (.4%) have a privy closet. The Table also shows that 91 houses in the District (2%) have no sink and 734 houses (19%) have no bath.

(D) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

1. Collection The Dennis Paxit 11A (18-24 cub.yard) refuse vehicle continued in operation. The fortnightly collection in each Parish continued.

2. Disposal By arrangement with Wincanton R.D.C. and Frome R.D.C. household refuse is now disposed of on the tips of these two Authorities, and for which payment is made. The tip at Moorwood continues for the time being for the disposal of bulky refuse.

3. Civic Amenities Act Action was taken under this Act for dealing with various unauthorised rubbish dumps and one abandoned car was disposed of. There is a free collection system of bulky refuse and facilities are provided for depositing by the public of such items.

(E) Cesspool Emptying A scheme commenced in July for one annual emptying of cesspools free of charge.

(F) GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

1. Smoke Abatement No formal action was taken during the year.

2. Caravans Three new licences were issued in respect of sites for individual caravans. At the end of the year, 12 licences were in force for sites for individual caravans, and two for more than one caravan.

3. Rag Flock There are no premises in this District where rag flock is manufactured or sold.

4. Agricultural (Health) Act, 1956 It was not possible to carry out any new inspections.

5. Rats and Mice Fifty-eight complaints were received of rat infestation. Advice was given in respect of 15 cases of mice infestation. The Council's Rodent Operator continued routine inspection of houses for rats and the sewers at Cranmore, Crocombe, Ditchat, Doultling, Evercreech, Gurney Slade, Holcombe, Oakhill, Pilton, Stoke St. Michael and Stratton-on-the-Fosse, were tested and treated where necessary. 120 premises were treated for the destruction of rats. At the end of the year the Council were regularly treating 39 farms by agreement, 13 more than last year.

6. Insect Pests Treatment and advice was given for flies, wasps and other insect pests.

7. Factories Table H on Page 24 shows the position with regard to Factories. At the end of the year there were 8 Outworkers on the Council List, mainly employed in the Gloving Industry.

8. Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1964 There were 26 premises registered at the end of the year, in which 176 persons were employed. Thirty-three inspections were made during the year and defects found were required to be remedied by informal notice.

9. Swill Plants The powers in respect of the Licensing of Swill Plants under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, were delegated to the Council in 1958 by the County Council. There are no licences in force.

10. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 Three licences were renewed.
11. Atmospheric Pollution . With the coming into force of the Alkali, etc, Works Order, 1971, control of dust from Quarry plants passed to H.M. Alkali Inspector. The Council, however, continues to be responsible for dust emissions from Lime Works. Liaison with H.M. Alkali Inspector continues.
12. Complaints During the year 117 complaints were received, as follows:-

Drainage/sewage disposal	... 3
Rats, mice, insect pests	... 114
13. Notices Three Statutory Notices and six informal notices were served during the year.

(G) PRIVATE HOUSES

1. Slum Clearance Of the 326 houses found to be unfit as the result of the comprehensive survey in 1955, 34 are still to be dealt with, of which 8 are void and likely to be made fit and 11 are occupied by old people, including owner/occupiers. Informal and formal action was also taken in respect of other houses which have become unfit since the 1955 survey.
2. Improvement Grants Thirty applications for Discretionary Grants and 11 applications for Standard Grants were approved. Table F on page 22 shows that schemes for the improvement of 44 houses were completed during the year.
3. Private Houses Erected Thirty-six new houses were occupied during the year.
4. Overcrowding No cases were discovered during the year.
5. Rent Act, 1957 No applications for a certificate of disrepair were received during the year.

(H) COUNCIL HOUSES

1. Applications for houses At the end of the year there were 150 applications on the Housing List. Of this total, only 61 cases were considered to have established a housing need, and these applications consisted of 37 for houses and 24 for old peoples' bungalows. During the year 25 houses and 9 bungalows were re-let when becoming vacant. Eight bungalows and 4 garages were erected. Details of applications etc, are given in Table E on Page 22.
2. Building Programme Bungalows in course of erection - Six (Evercreech 2, Stoke St. Michael 4).
 1971 Programme - 21 bungalows on 4 sites, (all in the 1970 programme but not commenced at the end of the year).

(I) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Only the registration of Dairies and Distributors is carried out by the Council and of these premises three are registered. All sampling of milk is carried out by the County Council.
2. Ice-cream There was one new registration for storage and sale. There are no premises in the District where ice-cream is manufactured.
3. Food Shop Byelaws Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, came into operation in the Rural District in July 1950. Informal action in some cases achieved the necessary results.
4. Food Premises Generally Table I (Analysis of Food Premises) on Page 25 shows the number of Food Premises in the District.
5. Slaughterhouse The Slaughterhouse at Pylle continued in use during the year. Killing figures were as follows :-
Cattle - 549. Calves - 3,611. Pigs - 1,465. Sheep - 1,618. Total - 7,243
6. Slaughtermen Six Slaughtermen were licensed by the Council under the Slaughter of Animals Act.
7. Meat Inspection Full inspection of meat was carried out and Tables K and L on pages 26 and 27 show the amount of meat condemned for various reasons. There were four cases of cysticercus Bovis in cattle (the larval stage of the human tape-worm). Assistance in meat inspection was again given to Street U.D.C. on occasions when their Inspector was away.
8. Other Foods Condemned 619 items of food (147 lbs) were condemned by way of voluntary surrender. In most cases Proprietors dispose of unsound food without asking for Condemnation Certificates.
9. Disposal of Condemned Foods Meat is disposed of to approved fertilizer manufacturers and other foods are buried when necessary, on the refuse tip.

(J) SWIMMING BATHS

There is one swimming bath at Downside College, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, used only by scholars. Water is from the main, automatically chlorinated.

(K) "POP" FESTIVALS

Another "Festival" was held in 1971, making the third in a space of 15 months. Known as the "Glastonbury Fair", this festival resulted in the same chaotic and un-hygienic conditions as the previous two festivals. The Council's expenses were not reimbursed by the Promoters as hoped. Our reports on this event were forwarded to the Department of the Environment (and other interested bodies) with a request for legislation to control such events.

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TABLE A - ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIED TO HOUSES EITHER
OCCUPIED OR CAPABLE OF BEING OCCUPIED

Parish	Number of houses		Number of houses having piped water supply into or onto house		Number of houses supplied by stand-pipe		Number of houses with wells, springs, etc., laid on internally		Number of houses with external supply from well or spring	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
Ashwick	371	376	361	367	5	4	4	4	1	1
Batcombe	144	144	97	97	-	-	46	46	1	1
Binegar	90	90	88	88	1	1	1	1	-	-
Bradley, West	89	89	88	88	-	-	1	1	-	-
Cranmore	146	145	127	126	10	10	8	9	1	-
Croscombe	235	235	227	228	2	1	6	6	-	-
Ditchheat	228	229	226	227	2	2	-	-	-	-
Doulting	195	193	182	182	4	2	6	6	3	3
Downhead	37	35	29	26	-	-	8	9	-	-
Emborough	51	51	49	49	-	-	2	2	-	-
Evercreech	580	600	555	576	6	5	19	19	-	-
Holcombe	264	267	263	266	-	-	1	1	-	-
Lamyat	47	48	40	41	-	-	6	7	1	-
Lydford	134	136	125	127	-	-	8	8	1	1
Milton Clevedon	32	32	25	25	-	-	7	7	-	-
Pennard, East	120	120	102	102	-	-	15	15	3	3
Pilton	297	300	282	284	-	-	15	16	-	-
Pylle	62	62	58	58	-	-	4	4	-	-
Stoke St. Michael	248	249	242	243	1	1	4	4	1	1
Stratton-on-the-Fosse	299	299	281	281	9	9	8	8	1	1
Total	3669	3700	3447	3481	40	35	169	173	13	11

TABLE B - SANITARY FACILITIES OF HOUSES

Total houses in District (but not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	1970		1971	
	3,669		3,700	
(1) <u>Water Supply</u>		%		%
(a) <u>internal supply</u>				
Houses with public main water	3335	90.9	3371	91.1
Houses with private main water	71	1.9	71	1.9
Houses with well, spring, etc., piped to house	169	4.6	173	4.7
Total houses with internal supply	3575	97.4	3615	97.7
(b) <u>external supply (individual)</u>				
Public main	41	1.1	39	1.1
Wells, springs, etc.	13	.3	11	.3
(c) <u>no individual supply</u>				
Standpipe on public main	40	1.0	35	.9
(2) <u>Closets</u>				
Houses with own water closet	3347	91.2	3400	91.9
Houses with shared water closet	8	.2	4	.1
Houses with own pail or chemical closet	297	8.1	280	7.6
Houses with privy	17	.5	16	.4
(3) <u>Drainage</u>				
Houses drained to public sewer	1917	52.3	1990	53.7
Houses drained to satisfactory septic tank or cesspit	1431	39.0	1407	38.2
Houses with unsatisfactory or no drainage	321	8.7	303	8.1
(4) <u>Other sanitary appliances</u>				
Houses with no sink	95	2.6	91	2.4
Houses with no bath	783	21.4	734	19.8

TABLE C - CONDITION OF HOUSES (FITNESS)

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Total houses in District (not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	3,669	3,700
Houses unfit and not repairable at reasonable expense	38	34
Houses in need of major repairs ..	91	86
Houses in need of minor repairs ..	375	361
Houses with some Public Health defect(s), mainly dampness ..	419	406
Pre-war private houses fit in all respects..	1,536	1,559
Post-war private houses ..	501	537
Council houses ..	709	717

TABLE D - UNFIT HOUSES

Total houses classified as unfit as result of 1955 survey	-	326
<u>December 1971</u> Houses void and under consideration ..	8	
Houses occupied by old people who do not wish to be disturbed	11	
Other houses which will be subject to Demolition or Closing by Housing Act Procedures	15	<u>Total 34</u>

TABLE E - COUNCIL HOUSES

Applications

(a) <u>Total applications (including old people)</u>			
On list at 1st January 1971 ..	125		
On list at 31st December 1971 ..	150		
(b) <u>Of total number, reasonable cases only</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Old People</u>	<u>Total</u>
On list at 1st January 1971 ..	24	27	51
On list at 31st December 1971 ..	37	24	61

In addition to the 24 old people applying for bungalows at 31st December, 11 old people occupying Council Houses had applied for rehousing in a bungalow.

TABLE F - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

		<u>Discretionary Grants</u>	<u>Standard Grants</u>
Approved to 1970	...	215	221
During 1971	...	<u>30</u>	<u>11</u>
	Total ...	245	232
Completed to 1970	...	181	191
During 1971	...	<u>30</u>	<u>14</u>
	Total ...	211	205

TABLE G - VISITS

						<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
1.	Dwelling houses - Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	9	7
2.	Dwelling houses - Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	101	78
3.	Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	142	162
4.	Council houses	...	...	...	...	2,013	2,001
5.	Water supplies	...	...	...	...	26	31
6.	Drainage and sewage disposal..	...	...	...	...	135	95
7.	Infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	9	5
8.	Atmospheric pollution..	...	...	...	...	14	12
9.	Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	...	...	89	74
10.	Rats and mice suppression (By Rodent Operator)...					1,439	1,563
11.	Rats, mice and other vermin (By P.H.Inspectors) ..					25	31
12.	Stables and piggeries..	...	...	...	...	3	4
13.	Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	21	25
14.	Factories and workshops	...	...	...	...	9	7
15.	Meat inspection and slaughterhouse...	...	...	...	...	429	484
16.	Other food inspection..	...	...	...	...	10	15
17.	Butchers	...	...	...	...	2	4
18.	Ice-cream dealers	...	...	...	...	3	5
19.	Dairies and milk distributors.	...	...	...	...	4	4
20.	Public Houses...	...	...	...	...	4	5
21.	Canteens and restaurants	...	...	...	...	2	3
22.	Other food premises	...	...	...	...	21	20
23.	Interviews	...	...	...	...	105	90
24.	Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	...	29	34
25.	Civic Amenities Act	...	...	...	...	27	38
26.	Miscellaneous...	...	...	...	...	99	106

TABLE H - FACTORIES

Inspection

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sec.1,2,3,4, and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (non-power).	1	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1 above in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (power).	36	7	-	-
3. Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
	37	7	-	-

Cases in which defects were found

	Number of cases where defects found				Number of prosecutions
	Found	Rem- ed- ied	Referred		
			To H. M. Insp.	By H. M. Insp.	
Lack of cleanliness. Sec.1. Overcrowding. Sec.2. Unsatisfactory temperature. Sec.3. Ventilation. Sec.4. Ineffective drainage of floors.Sec.6. Sanitary Conveniences. Sec.7. (a) insufficient. (b) unsuitable or defective. (c) not separate for sexes Other offences (not including Outworkers).			Nil		

TABLE I - ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES

Business	Complying with Regulation 16	Regulation 19	
		Applicable	Complying
Butcher only	1	1	1
Butcher & Sausage Manufacturer	5	5	5
Public House only	23	23	23
Public House & Restaurant	5	5	5
Public House & Ice-Cream Dealer	5	5	5
Public House, Restaurant & Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Grocer & Green-grocer	10	10	10
Grocer and Ice-Cream Dealer	28	28	28
Bakehouse only	2	2	2
Confectioner only	1	-	-
Confectioner & Ice-Cream Dealer	3	-	-
Restaurant & Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Restaurant & Canteen	3	3	3
Food Factory & Canteen	1	1	1
Wet & Fried Fish	1	1	1
Total	92	88	88

TABLE J - PREMISES REGISTERED OR LICENSED
AS FOOD PREMISES, etc.

50 premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream. No premises registered for manufacture.

5 premises registered for the manufacture of sausages.

TABLE K - MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED 1970

1. Whole carcase and offal condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Anaemia	-	-	-	-	2	2
Fevered / Ill bled	-	-	12	1	15	28
Jaundice	-	-	4	1	-	5
Moribund	-	-	-	1	2	3
Oedema	-	1	8	7	15	31
Pyaemia	-	-	6	-	19	25
Septicaemia	-	1	50	2	45	98
Uraemia	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	-	2	80	12	99	193

2. Part carcase condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Abscess	3	1	-	1	28	33
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	8	8
Bruising	4	-	5	2	13	24
Oedema	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pleurisy / Peritonitis	1	-	-	1	8	10
Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	9	1	5	4	58	77

3. Offal condemned

2,045 items of edible offal were condemned.

4. Total animals killed and inspected

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
487	62	3,611	1,618	1,465	7,243

TABLE L - MEAT INSPECTION 1971

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep & lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	487	62	3,611	1,618	1,465
(1) <u>Meat and offal condemned for tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	1	-	-	-	-
(2) <u>Meat and offal condemned for cysticercus bovis</u>					
Generalised carcasses totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for refrigeration treatment	3	1	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	3	1	-	-	-
Carcasses affected with cysticercus bovis but condemned for other reasons	-	-	-	-	-
(3) <u>All other diseases</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	-	79	12	100
Part carcasses or organs condemned	84	27	516	137	621
(4) <u>Weight of meat and offal condemned (in lbs) for :-</u>					
Tuberculosis	222	-	-	-	-
Cysticercus bovis	218	78	-	-	-
Other diseases	1018	1327	6200	1012	12986

Total Weights Condemned

Cysticercus Bovis	...	2 cwts. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.
Tuberculosis	...	1 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.
Other Diseases	... 10 tons. 1 cwt. 1 qr.	3 lbs.

